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SUBJECT: ANTI-NEUTRON WEAPON CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

1. SOVIET CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE NEUTRON BOMB CATCHES ITS SECOND WIND AS PRESS CARRIES REPORTS OF MASS PROTESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD. IZVESTIYA OF APRIL 10 REPORTS THAT "PEACE-LOVING FORCES OF THE PLANET DO NOT INTEND TO WEAKEN THE STRUGGLE" AGAINST THE WEAPON AND IN FAVOR OF THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR MUTUAL RENUNCIATION OF PRODUCTION. PRAVDA OF APRIL 11 PUBLISHES A COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN BY VITALIY KORIONOV WHICH REPEATS THAT PROTESTS WILL CONTINUE AGAINST THIS "OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPON" AND TWICE REPEATS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE NECESSITY FOR MUTUAL RENUNCIATION OF ITS PRODUCTION. KORIONOV ALSO STRONGLY REJECTS THE NOTION THAT THE NEUTRON WEAPON CAN BE USED AS A "BARGAINING CHIP," WARNING THAT EFFORTS TO PRESSURE THE USSR HAVE ALWAYS FAILED.

2. COMMENT: MOSCOW APPEARS DETERMINED TO REDOUBLE ITS PROPAGANDA EFFORT, APPARENTLY CALCULATING THAT THE

PRESIDENT'S DECISION PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY TO KEEP UP PRESSURE ON THE U.S. AND ITS ALLIES. TOON

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